

## SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

A STREAM OF BILLS INTRODUCED  
AND QUITE A NUMBER PASSED.SENATOR MUSHBACH'S BILL Increasing the  
Number of Colonels on the Governor's  
Staff from Nine to Sixteen.

The Senate met, as usual, yesterday morning, and after prayer by Dr. W. V. Taylor, the stream of bills began to flow, and for half an hour the senators brought out from inside pockets and desks a number of bills which they have brought from home with them, and for whose passage as a general thing they are ready.

Everything Free.  
The bill for the compelling of the railroads to give free passes to the State officers and members of the Legislature has been introduced, and is a highly-repected innovation among the men who are now in the House, which, even now, promises to some considerable extent against the favorites, and it is anybody's race.

These judges will not be called before the first of the year, and there are yet many possibilities which may come up as certainties, but now the field is against the favorites, and it is anybody's race.

They are, however, largely bills of a private character, or bearing a local significance.

Senator Stubbs, from the Committee on General Laws, reported with amendments a bill to incorporate the Real Estate Title and Guarantee Company, of Newbern News; also with amendments, Senate Bill to authorize the American Mercantile Company to make and carry out contracts with the Bertha Zinc Company.

Senator Lovenstein, from the Committee on Public Institutions and Education, reported, without amendments, Senate Bill authorizing the trustees of the Southside Male Academy to borrow money.

On motion of Senator Washington it was resolved that so much of the Governor's message as refers to the oyster industry be referred to Committee on Fish and Game.

Bills Introduced.

The following bills were introduced and referred:

By Senator Hansberger: To amend and re-enact an act for the protection of fish in the Shenandoah river and its tributaries.

By Senator Jackson: For the relief of Josie P. Holloway, of Surry county, a disabled Confederate soldier.

By Senator Lovenstein: To change the name of the Virginia Mercantile and Safe Deposit Company, of Richmond, to "The Title and Trust Company," and enlarge its powers.

By same: To enlarge the present enclosure of the penitentiary, and erect a building on the stable lot, for the storage and protection of wagons, tools, etc.

By same: To authorize the Superintendent of the Penitentiary to lease his farm with a part of the proceeds of purchase and erect thereon suitable buildings for the care and employment of convicts.

By same: To grant the right of way for a public street through the grounds of the penitentiary, and to authorize the sale of a part of the grounds of the prison south of said street.

By Senator Walton: To amend the code in relation to the discharge of the accused in the event of the failure to try him for trial.

By Senator Lovenstein, for Senator Sande: To incorporate the American Mutual Benefit Society. The corporators of Galen H. Coon of New York, H. W. Flory, Tazewell Ellett, S. Galeski, L. Powell, G. Burruss, Phil. B. Stahl, and T. H. Fox, of Richmond. The object of the society is to establish a benefit sick, and funeral funds, etc.

By Senator Mushbach: To make an appropriation of not more than \$10,000 annually to the Virginia Hospital, as a home for caring for charity patients.

Bills Passed.

The following bills passed the Senate: From the House, to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Prince William county to issue bonds for a sum not exceeding \$200.

Senate Bill: To incorporate the Real Estate Title and Guarantee Company, to authorize the Atlantic Coal and Iron Company to make contracts with the Bertha Zinc and Mineral Company.

From the House: To legalize the issue of certain bonds in the city of Roanoke, to extend the time of commencing the construction of the Washington and Western railroad.

Senator Mushbach offered the following bill:

"It is enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, that the compensation to the state now provided for by law for the services of small shall have authority to appoint the following officers: An Assistant Adjutant-General, and Inspector-General; a Chief of Ordnance, a Chief of Engineers, a Judge Advocate-General, a Surgeon-General, a Master of Artillery, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary-General, and a General Inspector of Rifle Practice." These officers shall rank as Colonels, and perform such duties as the Governor may require, and shall hold office only during the Governor's term.

The bill was passed by the Senate, and referred to the Board of Supervisors of Prince William county, to be considered at their next meeting.

Senator Harrison introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to consider the propriety of the State's retaining special counsel to assist the Attorney-General in the cause pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, wherein the boundary line between Virginia and Maryland in the Potomac and Tangier sounds is involved."

Notes.

Senator Stubbs had been expected to speak Tuesday night at the Union Station Tabernacle, and said, yesterday, in regard to it, "I regret very much that I was too unwell to speak last night, but a severe cold and hoarseness prevented my leaving my hotel, and necessitated my sending for a physician."

The legislative representatives from the neighboring districts have decided to request the Governor to name January 25th, as the date for the holding of the special election, to name a successor to Colonel O'Ferrall.

Colonel O'Ferrall has already sent his resignation to Governor McKinley, to take effect on December 25th, and upon that date the Governor will issue the writ for the election. The district nominating convention will be held early in January.

SUPREME COURT JUDGESHIPS.

Number of Candidates in the Race—Those Free Passes.

The hotel lobbies are comparatively deserted by the political authorities, that a week ago made each pillar in the Exchange a support, while argument, gibery, and pleadings filled the rich, broad complement of the evening avocates of the pleasing and suave supporters of the various candidates.

The senatorship is settled by the caucus as it exists, and the Capitol and basement officers have been chosen, and now the fight centres upon the Supreme Court judgeships.

There is no doubt that many a vote has been pledged in order to secure the results that have already been accomplished, and there is no doubt that hour after hour states are being proposed and broken, with the recklessness of the school-boy, whose slate is only a factor in his labors, and upon which his programs are always more difficult than pleasant.

The names most prominently mentioned for the Supreme Court bench include Meares, Keith, Cardwell, Rely, McLaughlin, Graham, Horsley, Mann, Buchanan, Morrison, Harrison, Barton, Phillips, Bruce, and Heath.

The Are Off.

These names have been changed around with all of the flexibility of a fire-proof safe, and yet no single man seems to be able to positively select the winner, though the flag has fallen and the candidates themselves, of course, are responsible for the actions of their advocates here, but the friends who are at a premium, and the friends who are always off, are off, from among the sup-

## IN THE LOWER HOUSE.

DELEGATES GRADUALLY SETTLING DOWN TO WORK IN EARNEST.

A Large Number of Bills Including One of Special Interest to the Medical Fraternity Before the Body.

It was six minutes after the fixed hour of noon yesterday when the House was called to order. Rev. John B. Newton, D. D., rector of Monumental church, again offered prayer. He asked that the members be put far from any evil-doing, every unworthy, untrue, and impure intention.

Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk, offered a resolution to compel the theatres to furnish private boxes at all first-class performances. The bill for the compelling of the railroads to give free passes to the State officers and members of the Legislature has been introduced, and is a highly-respected innovation among the men who are now in the House, which, even now, promises to some considerable extent against the favorites, and it is anybody's race.

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Similar action was taken in regard to a resolution offered by Mr. Diggs in reference to that part of the Governor's message in relation to the taking of securities in payment of debts by financial officers of the State to be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Governor will tomorrow send to the Senate a full list of the superintendents of schools for all the counties and cities of the State. The board, composed of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Governor, and Lieutenant-Governor, met in May last and elected the school superintendents for the four years beginning July 1, 1894. The Senate, in executive session to-morrow, will take up the appointments, and will probably confirm the nominations of the board.

Hon. Marshall Hanger, the recently appointed consul to Bermuda, was at the Exchange last night. He has not yet completed his final arrangements, but will probably leave for his post immediately after the holidays.

Mr. DeJarnette, of Halifax, presented a petition asking for a special election to be held in the Red Bank district of Halifax county with a view of securing the passage of a fence law.

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